

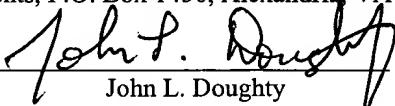


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: **Frei** ) Group No.: **2666**  
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Serial No.: **09/594,216** ) Examiner: **Tran**  
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Filed: **June 14, 2000** ) Docket: **10160**  
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Title: **Method and apparatus for sub-** )  
**network devices without direct** )  
**layer-2 communication and** )  
**coupled to a common** )  
**forwarding agent interface to** )  
**communicate through layer-3** )

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**RESPONSE**

MS Amendment  
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Dear Sir/Madam:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed November 2, 2004, having a response due by February 2, 2005. Enclosed is a Petition for a two-month extension of time. Thus, this Amendment is timely filed. The following remarks are respectfully submitted.